Development of Famous Places of Buddhist Interest

*219. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop famous places of Buddhist interest like Lumbini, Sarnath and Sravasti so as to attract tourist traffic especially from foreign countries;

(b) if so, what are the details of the plans chalked out in this regard; and

(c) the amount earmarked for the purpose for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir, except Lumbini which is in Nepal.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism has undertaken the following projects during the Seventh Five Year Plan to strengthen tourism infrastfucture at Sarnath and Sravasti for which no specific amount has been earmarked in the current financial year but the requirements of funds will be met out of the allocations approved for such schemes as and when the demand arises:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Name of the Scheme	Year of sanction	Amount sanctioned
1	Toilets and drinking water facilities at ASI monuments at Sarnath	85-86	1.00
2.	Toilets and drinking water facilities at Sravasti	85-86	1.00
3.	Construction of Tourist Complex at Sravasti	85-86	63.00

Target for Tree Plantation

*220. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has since been fixed by Government for planting of trees in each State during the next three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon during the same period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) State-wise targets for tree planting are fixed on year to year basis. For 1987-88, the Statewise targets are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The allocation (Central and State) earmarked for afforestation during 1987-88 is Rs. 48326.5 lakhs.